FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Blue Mold

Blue mold has been reported in Mecklenburg County. With blue mold this close to Appomattox County, tobacco farmers are again urged to apply fungicides at least twice a week until plants are set in the field. When a shower of rain falls and washes off the material, it is desirable to go back the following day and apply the material using at the rate of 5 tablespoons per gallon of water.

Blue mold can reduce the stand of plants and prevent a uniform stand over the entire field. Farmers run into trouble when they go to other farms to secure plants. Therefore, they are urged to grow good quality plants and one way to do it is to control the blue mold and flea beetles. Flea beetles are controlled by the application of a 50 per cent wettable DDT powder or a 5 per cent DDT dust. This material may be mixed with Ferbam.

Bangs Disease

Last year, a great deal of emphasis was placed on the eradication of Bangs in Appomattox County.

Many farmers have had their stock tested to determine the presence of Bangs and about 3% of those tested were found to be infected. Farmers are warned not to neglect testing this year just because the herd was found to be free last year. The roaming dog and other animals have a lot to do with the spreading of brucellosis in herds. Perhaps the dog is the worst offender and it's hard to controll all animals. A big step in the controlling of bangs disease is vaccination of all heifer calves between the ages of four and eight months.

If the cattle on your farm have not been tested this year, arrangements should be made to contact a veterinarian and have it done as soon as possible. Farmers are not permitted to vaccinate their calves. This must be done by a registered veterinarian.

IFYE Program

This year several IFYE's will come to Virginia to live with farm families and learn something about our way of life here in America. Farm families in Appomattox County interested in having one of these students live with their family for two weeks, are asked to contact either the county agent or home agent and arrangements will be made for this visit.

IFYE means the International Farm Youth Exchange. It is a program conducted by the National 4-H Club Foundation and Extension Service of Virginia. It aims at better understanding between countries through exchange of carefully selected rural youth leaders. Financing is done through contributions of 4-H and home demonstration clubs, civic and rural organizations, banks and individuals.

Virginia has been a participant since 1949. During that time, 22 young people from Virginia have visited 25 countries, and 25 exchangees from other countries have lived with 110 families in 53 Virginia counties.

Farm families who have had IFYE students live with them are a much better informed family after the visit for it is through this exchange of work and living that we gain a better knowledge of conditions and feelings of people in other parts of the world.

Soil Samples

Those farmers who plan to seed alfalfa and pasture this fall should collect soil samples now to be tested. It is important that soil samples be taken at an early date so that any additional lime that may be needed can be collected as soon as possible. The addition of lime now would be in solution and available to the plants this fall as it takes several months for lime to become available.

The Bulldozer Menace

Home owners should guard against the use of a bulldozer. in yards where shade trees are now standing. When they are used usually much of the top soil is removed which contains bacteria and other microscopic organisms necessary to the tree in that they break down organic matter into food. Also, the blade rips or cuts off the feeding roots which causes them to dry out and later die. Bulldozers are quite heavy and therefore compact the soil tremendously, especially if slightly wet, thus requiring years for the soil to recover.

Grain Drier

A grain drier may mean several dollars extra in money if it is installed prior to the grain harvest season. It makes possible the harvesting of grain when mature, lessening the chances of storm damage and also helps prevent spoilage of grain slightly high in moisture.

A grain drier forces air through the grain, taking out the excess moisture. When the water content has been reduced to about 13 per cent, the grain can be stored safely.

There are several types of grain driers — forced natural air and forced heated air. An electric motor driven fan is the heart of a forced air system. Air form out side the buildings is blown through the grain. A unit known as a portable crop drier is recommended when a forced heated air drier is to be installed. This drier has a built-in heating unit in addition to the motor and fan, and makes it possible to dry the grain faster.

The choice as to which type to use depends on the situation on the farm. On some farms, a single motor and fan unit can be used to dry hay and corn as well as small grain. Larger producers often find a portable crop drier the answer to their drying needs. These crop driers are mounted on wheels. They deliver heated air and can dry a large volume of crops during the season.

A method of distributing the air through the grain is needed. One way is to force the air under a crop drier floor then up through the grain. This floor must have openings small enough so the grain will not pass through it, but large enough for free movement of air. Metal flooring made especially for crop drying is available. A less costly floor can be built by using 2" by 4" joists over which is nailed hardware cloth. The entire drying floor is then covered with screen wire. There also are metal bins on the market which are suitable for both drying and storage. Special drying bins are available for use with portable crop driers.

Those interested in building a grain drier may secure help from the county agent's office.

Farmers will be able to obtain a refund of the Federal excise tax on gasoline which is used on a farm for farming purposes, under the law approved by President Eisenhower on April 2, 1956. The present Federal tax rate is 2 cents a gallon. Commissioner of Internal Revenue Russell C. Harrington announced that under the new law the first refund payments will be made after June 30 with respect to gasoline purchased and used during the first six months of 1956. Thereafter, refunds will be made for a one-year period from July 1 to June 30.

To get this refund, a farmer will have to file his claim after June 30 and before October 1. Claims are to be made on Form 2240 and are to be filed with the United States District Director of Internal Revenue for the farmer's district. The form will be available after June 1 at Internal Revenue offices, county agricultural agents, and many banks and post offices.

Farmers who expect to file claims should keep sufficient records to enable the Internal Revenue Service to verify the accuracy of the amount claimed.

QUICK CATCH

Williamsport, Pa.- Six hours after a gunman took more than $64,000 from the Williamsport National Bank, he was captured, and the money recovered. After a woman notified police that a suspicious man with a small, bulging bag was seen to climb aboard an empty freight car, they met the train in Lock Haven yards. The man, identified as John A. Watts, 21, of Williamsport, caught after a chase across railroad yards, had been recently released from a reform school for boys.

Richwood

Richwood, May 1.- "A pessimist is a man who turns out the light in order to see better how dark it is," —Quoted.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy, and Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Ferguson and Mrs. G. P. Branan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Woolridge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Horace Martin, U. S. Navy, spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin.

Mrs. T. T. Woolridge was a guest Monday afternoon of Mrs. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pugh and family visited relatives in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Wright of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Woolridge visited Sunday evening with Estella Wooldridge and family.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. L. C. Garrett and Bobby visited her mother Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Kruer, of Falls Church, Va., visited her mother, Mrs. L. M. Moses, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harvey and Mrs. Emma Lemon visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lewis on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans spent the week-end in Newport News with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Miss Anne Evans spent the week-end in Madison Heights with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Almond.

Mrs. Rosser Ferguson, of Cullen, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Doss last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Coleman and daughter Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Spiggle visited Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Moses over the week-end.

Mr. C. D. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lewis visited R. Moss Lewis, who continues ill in Jefferson Hospital, Roanoke.

Mrs. T. D. Harris and children, Ernest and Elizabeth spent Saturday with Mrs. Juddy Glover, of Pamplin.

Howard Phelps, U. S. Navy, Boston, Mass., left Tuesday for the Mediterranean; and Garland Phelps, U. S. Navy, of Newport, Rhode Island, left Monday for Cuba, after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Phelps.

Mrs. F. F. Carr and Mrs. C. T. Moses Jr. attended a meeting of the Old Fort Garden Club in Lynchburg Tuesday. Mrs. Moses spoke to the group of the subject of Iris.

Mr. Lewis Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Harris, has served four years with the U. S. Navy, and has re-enlisted for six years longer. He is stationed at Norfolk.

Rickey Almond, Madison Heights, is spending this week with his grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Evans, while Mrs. Almond is in Richmond attending a Youth Conference.

Mrs. Calvin Robinson, Chairman of the Third District, U. D. C., Virginia Division, was a guest of Kirkwood - Otey Chapter, Lynchburg yesterday. Mr. Robinson was the guest speaker.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Harris Sunday were Mrs. Carl Ferguson and daughter, Brenda Mr. Lewis Harris, of Norfolk; Mrs. Merylin Harris, of Appomattox; Mr. Gregory Ferguson and wife, and Paul Ferguson, of Lynchburg; Mr. Norman Harris and Wallace, Bobby, Jeffrey and Jerel Harris, of Madison Heights.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Gunter, Sr., on Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cox and daughters, Joyce, Shirley and Linda; also Bobby Throckmorton, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mays, Mrs. Vinnia Kress and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson, Jr., of Appomattox. The Cox family and Mrs. Throckmorton entertained with string music and singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson will leave tomorrow for Old Point, where they will spend the week-end. Mrs. Robinson, Chairman, Third District of the Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will attend a State Executive Board Meeting and banquet at the Hotel Chamberlain on Saturday. Also the Dedication of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Park at Fort Monroe, in ceremonies by the General Organization of the U. D. C., which will take place immediately after the adjournment of the Saturday morning session. The Executive Board members will be joined at a luncheon by the U. D. C. General Officers and Distinguished Guests, following the Dedication Ceremonies. Mrs. B. C. Baldwin, of Lynchburg, Past President of the Virginia Division, U. D. C., will accompany the Robinsons to Old Point.

Birthday List

H. F. Martin, May 1.
Mrs. Rodney Roach, May 5.
Frank Roy Ransom, May 14.
Charles Baldwin, May 14.
William Ranson, May 14.
Mrs. Robert Roach, May 15.
Ted Almond, May 15.
Harry Almond, May 15.
Mrs. Glenn McIntosh, May 16.
Mai Almond Warren, May 21.
Ruth Arrington, May 30.
Mrs. Stan Anderson, May 28.
Mrs. C. M. Evans, May 31.
Ruth Ranson, May 26.
Mrs. J. L. Guill, May 21, and five of her children have birthdays in May: Eddie Guill, May 1; Mrs. Clara Mitchell, May 2; Taylor Guill, May 4; Julian Guill, May 4; and Mrs. Hester Witt, May 27.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Veterans Administration released a progress report on its intensified program of providing protection against fire for sick and disabled veterans who are patients in VA hospitals.

Engaging in the most concerted "patient protection" program in the history of the agency, the VA in recent years has equipped or is now equipping hundreds of buildings in its older hospital plants with such protective features as automatic sprinkler systems, stairwell enclosures, fire escapes, fire doors, smoke barriers, and fire alarm systems.

By the end of the current fiscal year (June 30, 1956), VA said it will have completed construction on 35 or more major protection projects, with an estimated construction cost of nearly $2,000,000.

Construction is underway on another 53 projects estimated to cost a little more than $4,000,000

The construction costs involved in these projects exceed the total amounts expended for this type of "patient protection" in all the preceding years since the establishment of VA. The VA program of automatic sprinkler installation in the current program is acknowledged by the sprinkler industry to be one of the largest of its kind in the history of the industry.

The matter of providing protection for patients is an integral part of VA's hospital replacement program whereby modern, fire-resistant structures have replaced older structures and temporary hospitals taken over from the Armed Forces after World War II.

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Heart Murmurs

The average young doctors, who first begin to practice medicine, are distressed when the stethoscope reveals heart murmurs. They fear that the patients will soon give some indication of failing health. As time goes on, they learn that not nearly all heart murmurs are of a serious nature.

The magazine "Time" often carries in its medical department articles that are very informative. In a recent issue there is one on heart murmurs.

Quoting from this article, "Many people whose doctors had told them that they had cardiac disease because they heard murmurs over their hearts had no heart disease at all. In fact, out of 631 that were sent to Bellevue with such a diagnosis, after being examined by cardiac specialists, were found to have nothing wrong with their hearts." The physicians had been misled by murmurs over the chest.

It is a common occurrence for patients to present themselves to physicians with the announcement that they have heart disease. A careful examination reveals that they are mistaken.

Doctors are sometimes misled by high blood pressure and murmurs of various kinds that are really harmless. They are known as functional, while organic sounds are often of a serious nature and really point to cardiac disorders.

Syphillis is often mistaken for heart disorders and indeed, like some other diseases, syphillis of the heart is not uncommon.

Mistakes in diagnosis often cause much anxiety and sometimes real damage to the patient. The one who really has a serious cardiac condition should learn how to take care of his health. This will undoubtedly prolong his life.

Angina pectoris is a much dreaded and dangerous disease. It is found only in adult life. It is more common among men than women. It occurs among those who have aortis insufficiency and other forms of heart disease. True angina is characterized by agonizing vise-like pains in the heart that run down the arms. The sufferer feels as though he is going to die.

The celebrated English physician, John Hunter, said, "My life is in the hands of any rascal who choses to annoy and tease me." He knew that he had an impetuous temper and that he often became very angry. He died as a result of flying into a violent rage.

There are many causes that bring on an attack of angina pectoris. Indiscreet eating that produces flatulance is one of them. Cold is another—even a sudden splash into cold water or getting out of bed into a very chilly room. Heart trouble sometimes follows flu.

The sufferer from heart disease should lead a life that is free from dissipation. His habits should be quiet. Excessive eating and drinking will certainly shorten his life.

INFORMATION FOR WHEAT GROWERS

Farmers who have 1956 wheat acreage in excess of the farm allotment or 15 acres, whichever is the larger, may utilize the excess acreage as green manure, pasture, hay or silage to avoid having a farm marketing excess of wheat. Farmers with 15 acres or less may also utilize acreage in excess of their allotments to qualify for price support.

In Appomattox County the date by which excess wheat shall be utilized is June 1, 1956, according to W. D. Hix, III, County ASC Chairman. He stated that acreage in excess of the allotment and 15 acres not utilized for one of the foregoing purposes by this date will be subject to a penalty equal to 45% of the wheat parity price on May 1, 1956. The penalty rate on the 1955 crop was $1.13 per bushel.

The ASC chairman cautioned all wheat farmers in the county who have excess wheat, whether intentionally seeded or otherwise, to make a memorandum of the June 1 date of utilization. There are no provisions under the 1956 wheat marketing quota program for granting an extension of that date.

Farmers who plant wheat and other grain for mixture are also reminded that such mixtures must be less than 50 percent by weight of wheat when seeded, as well as when harvested, to qualify as a wheat mixture under the definition of the marketing quota program. The responsibility of a wheat mixture turning out to be less than 50 per cent of wheat by weight when harvested is entirely upon the wheat farmer.

Any acreages which do not qualify under the definition of a wheat mixture and which acreages are in excess of the farm allotment and 15 acres will be subject to marketing quota penalties on the production therefrom.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Miss Lois Junnita Guill, whose engagement to James Alvon Deagle is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Guill, of Hudgings, Mathews County. Mr. Deagle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Deagle, of Susan, Mathews County.

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DENNIS BROWN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Dennis Turnes Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Waverly Brown of Gladstone, celebrated his ninth birthday anniversary, Saturday, April 28, with a party at the home of his parents.

A color scheme of red, green and white was carried out in flowers throughout the house, decorations and the birthday cake, which was designed in the shape of a nine.

Games were played and there were favors for all present.

Present besides the honoree were: Donald Brown and Ann Waverly Brown, brother and sister of the honoree; Mary Grey Holland, Cynthia Richardson, Patricia Ferguson, Lina Trent, Linda Shouse, James Gurney, all of Appomattox; Kenneth Jobe of Amherst; Betty Jo Evans of Lovingston; James Wright, Rebecca and Nellie Jane Quinn, Peggy Jo Taylor, Vivian and Linad Cobb, Betty and Sandra Harris, Ronnie Spiggle, Shirley Rothgeb, Danny Hughes, George Raine Banton, Carey Dunn, Ray and Kenneth Ragland, all of Gladstone.

Mrs. William Richey Jobe of Amherst, aunt of the honoree, poured punch and assisted the honoree's mother in caring for the guest.

HEBRON 4-H CLUB

The Hebron Community 4 - H Club met Monday night in Stonewall Community Center, with Winnie and Barbara Jean Lee as hostesses.. All members and many visitors were present. Two demonstrations were given. One by Winnie Lee was on The Cold Pack Method of Canning. The other was by Eloise and Madeline Bondurant, on How to Make Corn Bread. Misses Rubinette Miller, Mary Ann Foster and Joyce Sedivy told of their achievements in 4-H Club work, particularly of the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Ill.

Their reports were supplemented by slides taken at the Club Congress.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses. The Club plans to observe Rural Life Sunday at Hebron Baptist Church in the near future. The Club plans to enter an exhibit in the County 4-H Electric Congress.

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